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DETAILS OF 8/27/75 MEETING BETWEEN DEPUTY
MINISTER OF DEFENSE CARO AND GENERAL DELIA LA ROCCA
AT CAMPO DE MAYO

On 9/9/75, an official of the Argentine Army
Intelligence Service (SIE) provided the following informa-
tion: (S) (U)

According to General ROBERTO VIOLA, who claims
he was present at the above described meeting, Deputy
Minister of Defense CARLOS CARO went to Campo de Mayo during
the evening of 8/27/75 on a mission from President PERON to
speak with the then Army Third Corps Commander, General
CARLOS DELIA LA ROCCA with regard to the selection of a
new Army Commander-in-Chief to replace General ALBERTO NUMA
LAPLANNE. (S) (U)

According to General VIOLA, CARO began the meeting
stating that the Army had placed President PERON in a difficult
and embarrassing position and that she desired certain condi-
tions from the Argentine Army prior to her designating a new
Army Commander-in-Chief. General VIOLA stated that before
CARO could name any of the conditions proposed by President PERON,
General DELIA launched into an angry outburst against the President
stating in essence that she was a prostitute, who was married
prior to her marriage to JUAN DOMINGO PERON, obviously a reference
to President PERON's prior alleged marriage to (First name unknown)
CATTO. General VIOLA claimed that General DELIA told CARO that
the Army would not submit to any conditions, and that he was
willing to take over as the Army Commander-in-Chief. General
VIOLA stated that General DELIA told CARO that if his designa-
tion as Army Commander-in-Chief was not acceptable to the
President, then there was only one other alternative that
being General JORGE VIDELA. General VIOLA stated that General
DELIA concluded his conversation with CARO by telling him that
he should relay verbatim the conversation to the President,
when he returned to Olivos. (S) (U)

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